



County of Placer
Fish and Game Commission
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District 1 – Don Gould

District 2 – Mark Fowler

District 3 – Jim Victorine

District 5 – Kari Freidig

District 5 – Mickey Daniels

District 5 – Scott Husmann

District 4 – Gary Flanagan

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM, Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room

3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA

County Contact: Ed King

1. **Call to Order** – Kari Freidig

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Daniels, Fowler, Freidig, Flanagan, Husmann, Victorine

Absent: Gould

3. **Approval of March 22, 2017 Agenda & February 22, 2017 Minutes**

Agenda: Flanagan/Freidig/MPUV

Minutes: Fowler/Victorine

AYES: Fredig, Flanagan, Husmann

Abstain: Daniels

4. **Public Comment:** Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. **No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment.**

Jim Haufler from Friends of Auburn Ravine reported over 300 salmon migrating through the Lincoln Gauging Station have been counted and photographed by volunteers as of the end of January 2017. The numbers have vastly increased over last year. Volunteers have worked over 600 hours on the project.

5. **Financial Report**

Expenditures through February totaled \$6,928, which includes \$4,800 in grant awards.

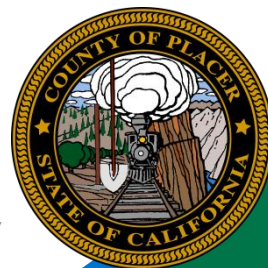
Court fines and penalty assessments through February totaled \$661.

6. **Agency Reports:**

A. Commissioner Reports

Flanagan – El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada County Fish & Game Commissions would like to schedule a time to meet as a group in the future.

Freidig – Visited the Fruitvale School with a live Peregrine Falcon. The school is a recent recipient of a grant from the Fish & Game Commission and the kids loved interacting with the bird they have been studying.



Reviewed Commission Planner for upcoming meetings and scheduled speakers.

B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee: Fowler

The California Wildlife Conservation Board has approved \$10 million in grant funding of 16 projects located throughout California including \$1.4M in Yolo County to reconstruct the boat launch facility at Knights Landing. An additional \$20M in grants funding 24 stream flow enhancement projects including \$173k to the Truckee River Watershed Council to improve stream flows throughout the Truckee River system.

- Flat Tail Horn Lizard was not warranted as endangered.
- DFW is still accepting comments on proposed regulations for the use of dogs to pursue/take mammals.
- Non-lead ammo required for turkey hunting season this year.
- 420,000 young Steelhead were released into the American River.
- Feather River Hatchery is closed to the public until further notice.

The NID Board of Directors also approved a previously awarded \$177,000 grant from DFW to further evaluate the modification or replacement of Hemphill Dam.

C. Land Use Subcommittee: Husmann

4 initial planning applications have been forwarded: a minor land subdivision; Placer Vineyards rezoning housing density; a dog boarding facility; and Verizon communication tower in Ophir. None of the projects were deemed to present significant impacts to fish and wildlife at this time.

D. Department of Fish & Wildlife – Adam Kraft

Kraft absent - no updates.

E. Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency

NID: Precipitation is 205% of average for the year. March 1 snow surveys broke all previous records. Snow pack is 165% of April 1 average. All reservoirs are full except Bowman and Jackson Meadows which are spilling and will continue to do so until May 1 when gates will be closed. There will be no issues with making deliveries this year and should have plenty of carryover storage. February is on track to be the second or third wettest February at Bowman. Received slightly over 30" in February and over 100" total to date. South Yuba Canal repairs are

scheduled to start on March 27. Installed a salmon interpretative sign at the Lincoln Gauging Station.

PCWA: Middle Fork Project reservoirs are full and spilling. Hell Hole and French Meadows reservoirs are essentially full. Anticipate the reservoirs to be spilling in May and early June. Snowpack is close to 200% of average in the American River watershed. The Middle Fork Project area is currently inaccessible to the public due to road closures that have resulted from numerous slides. Folsom is being operated to the flood control diagram and should fill in May. Reclamation is forecasting 5000+ cfs through at least July.

7. **Information Item:**

Guest Speaker

Jai Singh with CBEC Ecogineering presented on the recently completed Coon Creek Watershed Assessment—a multidisciplinary effort to characterize environmental conditions, assess disturbances, and develop and prioritize restoration opportunities for the Coon Creek Watershed. The project was funded through the Placer County Conservation Plan by a grant from CDFW.

Assessments conducted:

Stream movements, bank erosion, flow management during irrigation season, riparian habitat quality mapping, spawning habitat surveys, juvenile salmonid surveys, water temperature monitoring, salmonid thermal suitability, engineering and land use pressure index and opportunities assessments.

The various assessments conducted resulted in six watershed-wide opportunities to improve overall ecosystem functions:

- Channel and floodplain rehabilitation
- Riparian corridor enhancement
- Improving juvenile salmonid rearing
- Improving salmonid emigration success
- Bank stabilization
- Voluntary land management programs

Priority individual restoration and management projects identified:

- Coppin Dam and Auburn Extension Retrofit – install fish screens and adjust flashboards to accommodate downstream fish migration while dams are in place.
- Lower Coon Creek Channel and Floodplain Rehabilitation – introduce secondary channels, expand riparian corridors, convert rice fields to

enhanced floodplain habitat, and multipurpose rice field use for juvenile salmon rearing.

- Doty South at Head Diversion Dam Retrofit – install fish screens on diversion intake and a fish ladder to accommodate passage over seasonal flash board dam.
- Garden Bar Road Culvert Replacement – current culvert on Doty Ravine is impassible to fish movement and prevents upstream migration.

8. Action Items:

Commission business cards – The Commission considered further options for obtaining County business cards.

Motion to create and purchase Commission business cards individually
Freidig/Flanagan/MPUV

9. Adjournment

7:40 p.m.